

NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES – September 21, 2020

ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION. A regular meeting of the State Board of Health was called to order by the Chair, Dr. Travis Teetor, at 1:00 PM on September 21, 2020 via WebEx video conference hosted in Conference Room Licensure Unit 1 of the Nebraska State Office Building in Lincoln. Copies of the agenda were mailed electronically to board members and other interested parties prior to the meeting, and posted on the Health and Human Services website. The following members were present via video, telephone or in person: Joel Bessmer, MD; Kevin Borchert, PharmD, RP; Shane Fleming, MSN, RN; Michael Hansen, FACHE; Diane Jackson, APRN; John Kuehn, DVM; Kevin Low, DDS (joined late); Debra Parsow; Daniel Rosenthal, PE; Travis Teetor, MD; Doug Vander Broek, DC; Joshua Vest, DPM and Jeromy Warner, PsyD, LP. Quorum met.
Staff and others attending: Ron Briel, Matt Gelvin, Monica Gissler, Marla Scheer.
Board members not in attendance: Wayne Stuberg, PhD, PT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA. Dr. Teetor asked if there were any changes to the agenda for the meeting today and the minutes from July 28, 2020. Mr. Hansen made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Jackson; voting yes: 12 (Bessmer, Borchert, Fleming, Hansen, Jackson, Kuehn, Parsow, Rosenthal, Teetor, Vander Broek, Vest, Warner); voting no: 0; not voting: 0. Motion carried.

UPDATES, REPORTS

Public Health and Licensure Unit – Ms. Wisell

Licensing system data base
Long Term Care facilities

Board of Health Chair – Dr. Teetor

1. Has anyone attended any professional board meetings that they would like to report on?
Dr. Borchert attended the Board of Pharmacy meeting on August 10, 2020.
Dr. Kuehn attended the Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery meeting on July 29, 2020.

It is important that you let Monica know in advance when you plan to attend a meeting, and if you plan to attend the entire meeting or just a portion. When you arrive at the meeting or join a virtual meeting, please make a point of introducing yourself to the Board staff and members.

2. I want to thank the Professional Boards Committee members and staff for putting in a full day of work yesterday. They conducted 35 interviews by telephone. I also want to thank those Board of Health members whose terms have ended, but are willing to continue to serve until their replacements are appointed.

3. An updated Public Health Reorganization Chart has been posted on the DHHS website, which includes several new positions: Public Health Director of Operations, Lead Public Health Attorney, State Epidemiologist, and Division Support (Operational). Dr. Tom Safranek, State Epidemiologist, will assume his new position as Special Assistant to the DHHS CEO, Dannette Smith and will also serve as a liaison to the Board of Health. Sara Morgan will serve as the Interim State Epidemiologist. An organizational structure is in place to respond to emergencies such as the current COVID-19 Pandemic.
4. Committee reports are due at our November meeting. Committee Chairs – please work with staff to ensure these are completed.
5. Board of Health election of officers for 2021 will take place at the end of our November 16th meeting. Let Monica know if you would like your name placed on the ballot. Committee preference sheets for 2021 will be sent out, so please be sure to complete it and return it to Monica.

Credentialing Review (407) Committee – Ms. Parsow, Committee Chair, presented.
<http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Credentialing-Review.aspx>

Art Therapy

Technical Review Committee (TRC): Began October 29, 2019; ended March 3, 2020, after five meetings—supported proposal
BOH: April 15, 2020, via teleconference—supported proposal
Director: May 6, 2020—supported proposal

Athletic Trainers

TRC: Began June 2, 2019; still in progress after four meetings: second, June 18, third, July 28, fourth, September 8th—the public hearing
BOH: N/A
Director: N/A

APRNs

TRC: Began July 30, 2020; still in progress after two meetings: second held on August 25th 2020; third to be held on October 8th, 2020
BOH: N/A
Director: N/A

Medical Nutritional Therapists

Has not yet begun; do not yet have a complete TRC; Their Proposal is complete and is posted on the website. Dr. Vander Broek volunteered to serve as chairperson.

Music Therapy

Has not yet begun; do not yet have a completed proposal; TRC has been appointed and should be “ready to go” whenever a complete proposal is received from the applicant group.

4. **Rules and Regulations Committee** – Mr. Hansen, Committee Chair, reported. Regulations were reviewed with staff during the morning committee meeting.

<http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/DHHS-Regulations.aspx>

Medical and Specialized Health – Jesse Cushman

- 172 NAC 128 – Practice of Pharmacy and Credentialing of Pharmacy Personnel
<https://www.nebraska.gov/nesos/rules-and-regs/regtrack/proposals/2197.pdf>
- 172 NAC 130 – Mail Service Pharmacy Licensure
<https://www.nebraska.gov/nesos/rules-and-regs/regtrack/proposals/2196.pdf>
- 175 NAC 8 – Pharmacies
<https://www.nebraska.gov/nesos/rules-and-regs/regtrack/proposals/2195.pdf>

Rehabilitation and Community Services – Claire Covert-Bybee

- 172 NAC 29 – Chiropractic
- Dr. Teetor asked if anyone wanted any of the regulations separated out for individual voting. Mr. Hansen made a Committee motion to approve all proposed rules and regulations with one collective vote. Voting yes: 12 (Bessmer, Borchert, Fleming, Hansen, Jackson, Kuehn, Parsow, Rosenthal, Teetor, Vander Broek, Vest, Warner); voting no: 0; not voting: 0. Motion carried.
- UCA Regulation Status Report. At the morning committee meeting, Kris Chiles reviewed the timeline for regulations going through the update process. We do not anticipate proposed regulations for review at the November meeting.

Professional Boards Committee. Dr. Warner, Committee Chair, reported. They did not hold a morning committee meeting. But they did conduct 35 interviews by telephone yesterday, and reviewed several applications of incumbents not needing an interview. We continue to need public member applicants. More interviews will be conducted on November 16, 2020. Unless noted otherwise, terms are for December 1, 2020 through November 30, 2025.

Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

* Alice Kindschuh, DNP, APRN-CNS, CNE of Omaha reappointed to the Clinical Nurse Specialist position

Alcohol and Drug Counseling

* Victor Gehrig, ADC of Gordon reappointed to the ADC Only position

Athletic training

* Rebecca “Becky” Docter, MA, ATC of Omaha reappointed to the Athletic Trainer position

Audiology and Speech Language Pathology

* Rhonda Dick, AuD, CCC-A of Blair reappointed to the Audiologist position

* Katie Brennan, MS, CCC-SLP of Lincoln reappointed to the Speech Language Pathologist position

Chiropractic

Heather Henrichs, DC of Plattsmouth of Plattsmouth appointed to the Chiropractor position

Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art

- * Shannon Bingham of Omaha reappointed to the Salon Owner position
- * Ruth Lucas of McCook reappointed to the Cosmetologist Instructor position
- * Bridget Anderson of Lincoln reappointed to the Public position

Dentistry

- * Dean Cope, DDS of Cambridge reappointed to the Dentist position
- * Yoshinaru Ameku, DDS of Lincoln reappointed to the Dental School Faculty position

Funeral Directing and Embalming

- * Leo Seger, FDE of Atkinson reappointed to the Funeral Director and Embalmer position
- * Lawrence Battaglia of Omaha reappointed to the Public position

Massage Therapy

- * Michele Helaney of Omaha reappointed to the Massage Therapist position

Medical Nutrition Therapy

Shannon Frink, MS, RDN, LMNT of Hastings appointed to the Medical Nutrition Therapist position

Medical Radiography

Randy Prouty, BSRT, RT(R) of Scottsbluff appointed to the Medical Radiographer position

Mental Health Practice

Sara Batter, LICSW, LADC of Omaha appointed to the Master Social Worker position. This appointment is effective immediately.

- * Janeen Gill, LMHP of North Platte reappointed to the Licensed Mental Health Practitioner position

Susan Meyerle, PhD, LIMHP, CEAP, CFLE of Lincoln appointed to the Licensed Mental Health Practitioner position.

Nursing

- * Patricia Motl, BSN, RN, CPN, CHEP of Omaha reappointed to the Staff Nurse position
- Kandis Lefler, LPN of Malcolm appointed to the Licensed Practical Nurse position
- Theresa Delahoyde, EdD, MSN, BSN, RN of Waverly appointed to the Baccalaureate Nurse Educator position

Nursing Home Administration

- * Amy Fish, NHA of Lincoln reappointed to the Proprietary Home position
- * Alexander Wilford, NHA of Grand Island reappointed to the Nonprofit Home position

Occupational Therapy

* Nancy Peetz of North Platte reappointed to the Public position

Optometry

Creston Myers, OD of Alliance appointed to the Optometrist position

Pharmacy

Charles Tomlinson, PharmD, RPH of Bellevue appointed to the Pharmacist position

Respiratory Care

* Jill Sand, M.Ed, RRT of Lincoln was reappointed to the Respiratory Care Practitioner position

Veterinary Medicine and Surgery

Donovan Hauser, DVM of Grand Island was appointed to the Veterinarian position

Vacancy information for 2020 has been posted to the website:

<http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Board-Requirements-and-Vacancies.aspx>

Public Health, Education and Legislation Committee: Mr. Fleming, Committee Chair, reported. The special session of the Legislature concluded on August 13, 2020. Bills passed and other actions were reviewed.

The next Legislative session is scheduled from January 6-June 10, 2020. The PHEL Committee conference call to review introduced bills will be at 10:00 AM on January 21, 2021.

Approval of Committee Reports. Dr. Teetor made a motion to approve the Committee Reports. Call for vote on motion to approve - voting yes: 12 (Bessmer, Borchert, Fleming, Hansen, Jackson, Kuehn, Parsow, Rosenthal, Teetor, Vander Broek, Vest, Warner); voting no: 0; not voting: 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS. None.

NEW BUSINESS.

Board of Health meeting dates for 2021:

January 25; PHEL conference call on January 21, 2021 at 10:00 AM

March 15

June 14

September 20, interviews on Sunday, September 19

November 15

TOPICS AND PREPARATION FOR NEXT MEETING. The next regular Board of Health meeting will be November 16, 2020 via WebEx / teleconference.

ADJOURN. There being no further business, Mr. Hansen made a motion to adjourn, with a

second by Ms. Jackson all in favor by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 1:54 PM. Minutes were taken by Monica Gissler.

These minutes are scheduled for approval by the State Board of Health on November 16, 2020.

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Board of Health: <http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Board-of-Health.aspx>

10/6/20, mcg